

Troopers Investigating Crash Involving Ambulance- Rehoboth Beach

Rehoboth Beach- Delaware State Police are investigating an accident involving a Rehoboth Beach Volunteer Fire Department ambulance.

On April 17, 2021, at approximately 10:05 a.m., a 1998 Ford F-150, towing a small utility trailer, operated by a 62-year-old male of Delaware, was traveling southbound on Coastal Highway (SR1) in the left southbound lane approaching the intersection of Old Landing Road with a green light. A 2014 International Horton Ambulance, operated by a 24-year-old female Rehoboth Beach Volunteer Fire Department employee, was traveling eastbound on Old Landing Road. The ambulance was approaching the intersection of Coastal Highway, with its emergency equipment and siren activated, headed to a nearby hospital with a patient on board. The light on Old Landing Road at the intersection was red. The ambulance was intending to turn left at the intersection, to travel northbound on Coastal Highway.

As the ambulance crossed over the southbound lanes of Coastal Highway, the front of the Ford F-150 struck the front left of the ambulance within the intersection.

The operator of the Ford F-150 was properly restrained and refused medical treatment on scene.

The ambulance operator was properly restrained and transported to an area hospital by ambulance for minor injuries and was released.

A 36-year-old female of Delaware, EMT employed by the Rehoboth Beach Volunteer Fire Company, was seated in the ambulance's

rear, treating the patient, refused medical treatment on scene.

The 78-year-old female of Delaware patient being transported to an area hospital with non-life-threatening injuries at the time of the collision was transferred to a different ambulance and transported to the hospital with non-life-threatening injuries.

This collision remains under investigation, and no charges have been filed at this time. Anyone with information regarding this collision should contact Det. K. Argo with the Delaware State Police Troop 7 Collision Reconstruction Unit by calling 302-703-3264.

The intersection of Coastal Highway and Old Landing Road was closed for approximately two hours while the on-scene investigation was conducted.

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